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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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4) KRZYCH, Valérie, 5) SAUNOIS, Alex

International Application No. PCT/FR00/00818

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For: COSMETIC COMPOSITION COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE SUBSTANCE
PROMOTING THE FORMATION OF CONNEXIN, USE AND METHOD OF COSMETIC
TREATMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining on the merits and calculating the filing fee for the national phase application filed herewith, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 through 25 and submit the following new set of claims 26 to 58, per Attachement A, without prejudice or disclaimer.

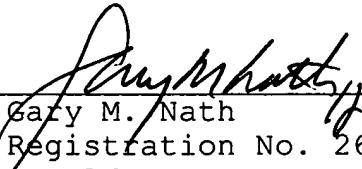
REMARKS

The above amendments have been made to remove multiple dependencies from the claims and to conform them to U.S. practice. No new matter has been added. Pursuant to the new rules implementing the AIPA, a clean copy of the new claims is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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